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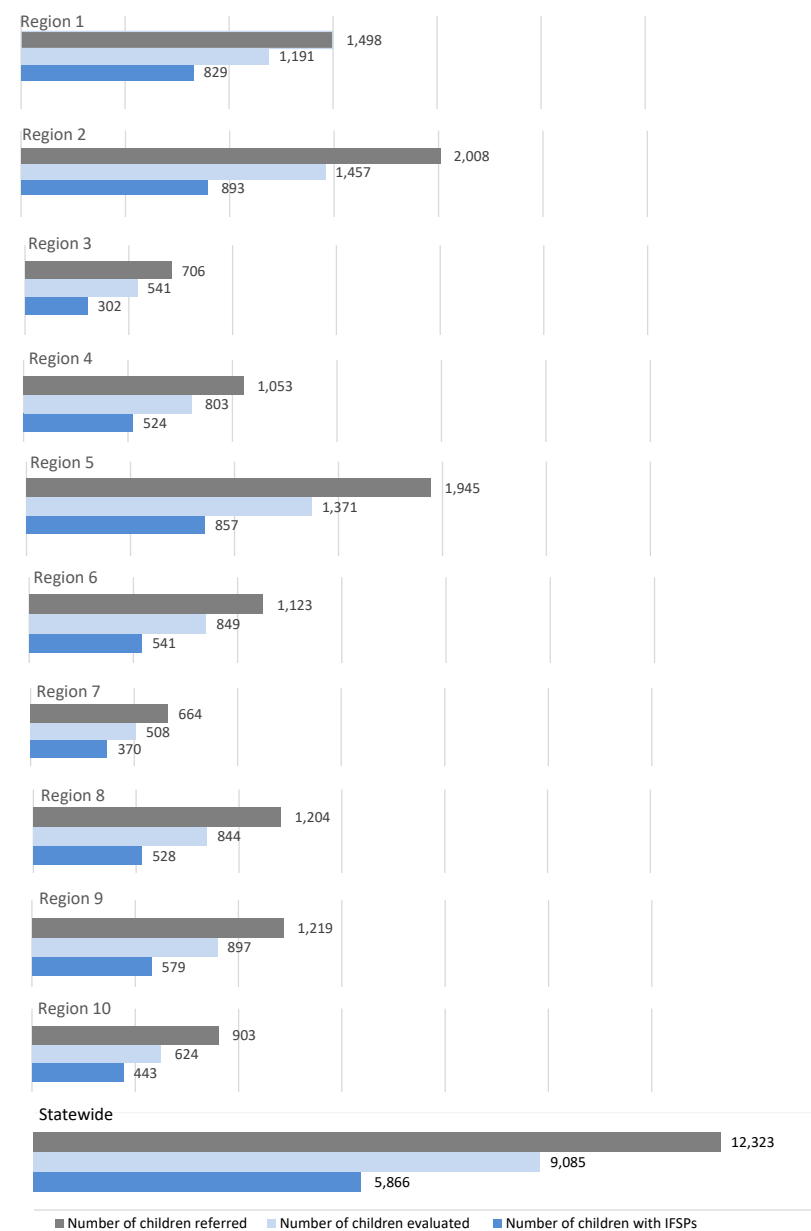
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Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Number of Children Evaluated, and IFSP Unduplicated Referrals During Last 12 months (August 2023 to July 2024)

SPOE	Category	Number/Rate
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)	Number of children referred	1,498
	Number of children evaluated	1,191
	Number of children with IFSPs	829
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	69.6%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)	Number of children referred	2,008
	Number of children evaluated	1,457
	Number of children with IFSPs	893
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	61.3%
Northeast (Reg. 3)	Number of children referred	706
	Number of children evaluated	541
	Number of children with IFSPs	302
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	55.8%
Northwest (Reg. 4)	Number of children referred	1,053
	Number of children evaluated	803
	Number of children with IFSPs	524
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	65.3%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)	Number of children referred	1,945
	Number of children evaluated	1,371
	Number of children with IFSPs	857
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	62.5%
Central (Reg. 6)	Number of children referred	1,123
	Number of children evaluated	849
	Number of children with IFSPs	541
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	63.7%
Southwest (Reg. 7)	Number of children referred	664
	Number of children evaluated	508
	Number of children with IFSPs	370
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	72.8%
South Central (Reg. 8)	Number of children referred	1,204
	Number of children evaluated	844
	Number of children with IFSPs	528
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	62.6%
East Central (Reg. 9)	Number of children referred	1,219
	Number of children evaluated	897
	Number of children with IFSPs	579
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	64.5%
Southeast (Reg. 10)	Number of children referred	903
	Number of children evaluated	624
	Number of children with IFSPs	443
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	71.0%
Statewide	Number of children referred	12,323
	Number of children evaluated	9,085
	Number of children with IFSPs	5,866
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	64.6%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.

Comparison of Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Children Evaluated, and Children with IFSPs by SPOE and Statewide



Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

Referrals Include Multiple Referrals Per Child

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	860	92	175	814
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	361	19	77	461
IFSP Rate	42.0%	20.7%	44.0%	56.6%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,205	132	167	1,107
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	409	27	54	513
IFSP Rate	33.9%	20.5%	32.3%	46.3%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	599	60	101	179
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	213	8	44	94
IFSP Rate	35.6%	13.3%	43.6%	52.5%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	573	51	101	549
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	249	9	35	301
IFSP Rate	43.5%	17.6%	34.7%	54.8%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,161	166	202	884
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	421	37	87	430
IFSP Rate	36.3%	22.3%	43.1%	48.6%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	953	74	153	307
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	360	20	55	172
IFSP Rate	37.8%	27.0%	35.9%	56.0%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	391	45	119	273
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	147	15	68	183
IFSP Rate	37.6%	33.3%	57.1%	67.0%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	691	187	245	384
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	263	36	98	204
IFSP Rate	38.1%	19.3%	40.0%	53.1%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	767	144	156	480
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	308	23	70	241
IFSP Rate	40.2%	16.0%	44.9%	50.2%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	662	124	1,552	256
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	275	23	644	146
IFSP Rate	41.5%	18.5%	41.5%	57.0%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,862	1,075	1,552	5,233
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	3,006	217	644	2,745
IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source	38.2%	20.2%	41.5%	52.5%
% by Source - Statewide	50.0%	6.8%	9.9%	33.3%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	647	133	277	128	1,185
	Percent	54.6%	11.2%	24.5%	10.8%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	771	161	275	185	1,392
	Percent	55.4%	11.6%	20.6%	13.3%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	308	22	116	55	501
	Percent	61.5%	4.4%	31.9%	11.0%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	468	32	150	54	704
	Percent	66.5%	4.5%	19.2%	7.7%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	798	19	246	133	1,196
	Percent	66.7%	1.6%	22.0%	11.1%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	526	26	190	99	841
	Percent	62.5%	3.1%	26.4%	11.8%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	343	29	78	31	481
	Percent	71.3%	6.0%	18.0%	6.4%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	475	78	177	60	790
	Percent	60.1%	9.9%	19.0%	7.6%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	550	30	193	104	877
	Percent	62.7%	3.4%	24.1%	11.9%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	421	15	127	64	627
	Percent	67.1%	2.4%	21.3%	10.2%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	5,307	545	1,829	913	8,594
	Percent	61.8%	6.3%	21.3%	10.6%	100.0%

* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	1,082	90	1,172	5	1,177
	Percent	91.9%	7.6%	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,257	123	1,380	7	1,387
	Percent	90.6%	8.9%	99.5%	0.5%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	459	38	497	1	498
	Percent	92.2%	7.6%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	625	61	686	0	686
	Percent	91.1%	8.9%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,097	85	1,182	0	1,182
	Percent	92.8%	7.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	743	89	832	2	834
	Percent	89.1%	10.7%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	428	50	478	0	478
	Percent	89.5%	10.5%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	665	109	774	0	774
	Percent	85.9%	14.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	829	38	867	0	867
	Percent	95.6%	4.4%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	560	64	624	0	624
	Percent	89.7%	10.3%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	7,745	747	8,492	15	8,507
	Percent	91.0%	8.8%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%

*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

** Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	5.28%	4.47%	4.36%	3.53%	3.58%	4.60%	3.77%	3.44%	4.56%	4.34%	4.17%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	4.34%	2.99%	0.00%	2.41%	2.41%	3.36%	1.69%	4.73%	3.59%	2.83%	3.08%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	5.74%	4.93%	4.84%	3.98%	3.88%	5.89%	3.96%	3.16%	5.47%	5.24%	4.74%
White											
% of Pop.	5.07%	4.30%	4.35%	3.50%	3.54%	4.42%	3.87%	3.45%	4.50%	4.19%	4.06%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	11.90%	1.69%	0.00%	1.22%	0.00%	0.00%	1.48%	3.08%	0.00%	0.00%	1.30%

*Census data (2023 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

**Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	110	109	26	86	194	80	82	76	47	27	837
Under 3 Pop.	1,478	1,738	489	1,933	5,361	1,263	1,777	1,571	940	724	17,274
% of Pop.	7.44%	6.27%	5.32%	4.45%	3.62%	6.33%	4.61%	4.84%	5.00%	3.73%	4.85%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	1,075	1,283	475	618	1,002	761	399	714	830	600	7,757
Under 3 Pop.	20,976	29,390	11,014	18,013	28,047	17,004	10,983	21,400	18,306	13,731	188,864
% of Pop.	5.12%	4.37%	4.31%	3.43%	3.57%	4.48%	3.63%	3.34%	4.53%	4.37%	4.11%

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.3%	3.3%	3.8%	12.0%	4.8%	16.8%	8.1%	44.0%	6.8%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.2%	2.6%	2.7%	10.7%	4.5%	11.4%	4.2%	54.7%	9.0%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.5%	0.0%	2.7%	14.8%	2.2%	12.9%	2.5%	59.5%	4.9%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.1%	2.4%	3.6%	18.9%	4.5%	10.5%	5.6%	51.7%	2.6%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.4%	1.0%	5.8%	14.9%	3.0%	8.8%	8.0%	52.9%	5.1%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.2%	0.3%	2.5%	17.8%	2.2%	10.9%	8.0%	53.2%	4.9%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.5%	8.0%	3.4%	16.6%	2.8%	6.0%	9.0%	48.0%	5.7%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.3%	1.4%	3.0%	21.0%	4.6%	8.3%	8.5%	47.7%	5.2%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.0%	2.2%	4.6%	14.7%	1.4%	14.0%	8.0%	51.0%	4.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.6%	0.4%	2.8%	21.5%	2.6%	14.0%	8.7%	41.1%	8.3%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.3%	2.1%	3.6%	15.6%	3.5%	11.5%	7.0%	50.5%	5.9%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.